

COUNTRY Hungary

TOPIC Hungarian Troops and Installation in the Baja Area

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- 25X1 1. Prior to October 1951, the officers school [ ] was stationed in Baja (Y 6/S 27). It was located in an old barracks installation on Honved Street which consisted of one multi-story and several one-story buildings. The total strength of the school was estimated at about 400 men. It was commanded by a major of about 40 years of age. The school was equipped with about 30 Gsepel trucks, weapon carriers and jeeps. Rifles, pistols and submachine guns were the only weapons seen there. The training included bridge-building, with bridge sections, 30 to 40 meters long, which were built into the Danube River. About two days of nearly every week, the personnel of the school went to the Kekhegy, a forest about 10 km northeast of Baja. In July 1951, they were at a summer camp.
2. Prior to October 1951, a studfarm of the Hungarian Army was located in barracks-like building west of the officers school on Honved Street. This building also contained an equipment depot of the officers school. Details were not available. Several soldiers and civilians were assigned to the studfarm which was directed by an officer and contained about 35 horses.
- 25X1 3. The engineer equipment depot of the officers school [ ] was located at the training grounds of the school on the east bank of the Danube River, about 600 meters north of the railroad bridge. It consisted of: 1 low building containing the orderly room, workshop and storerooms; 3 low concrete buildings, 1 each for ammunition, fuel and storage purposes; and 1 cellar for explosives. The personnel of the engineer equipment depot included Senior Lieutenant Janos Jeni, commanding officer, who was about 32 years old, 6 soldiers wearing dark-green service color; and 10 civilian employees. Engineer and bridge building equipment, stored in the depot, included more than 100 rails, 6 and 11 meters long, 2 folding boats of Soviet type; 3 rubber boats of Soviet make similar to the German rubber boats; 70 Hungarian swimming suits consisting of rubber trousers extending as far as the chest with a life belt and two paddles to be attached to the hands; 12 assault boats with Kovacs engines; 70 supports for footbridges; and 120 spades. Sixty-five pontoons and 230 boats were stored on the bank of the Danube River. The equipment in the depot was issued to the officers school and the engineer unit for exercise purposes.
- 25X1 4. The Engineer Barracks was about 300 meters east of the railroad bridge over the Danube River and about 200 meters south of the railroad line. The unit quartered there was engaged in field training in the summer of 1951. The rear detail were

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dark-green service color.<sup>1</sup>

5. The barracks just west of the Engineer Barracks was occupied by soldiers who, in the summer of 1951, wore white-bordered red epaulets.<sup>2</sup>
6. A barracks installation, which was still under construction in the summer of 1951, was located on the south edge of Baja, east of the road to Vaskut (Y 6/S 27) and north of the railroad line to Bat monostor (Y 6/S 27). At that time, it consisted of three large and several small buildings. Local residents said that this installation quartered infantry troops.<sup>2</sup>
7. An old barracks installation was just north of the new installation mentioned in paragraph 6. In August 1951, it was occupied by a horse-drawn artillery unit. The soldiers wore red epaulets.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 8. [redacted] a barracks installation was located in the kerkhegy, a forest. This installation was started in 1950 and was not finished by summer 1951 when artillery men and armored vehicles occupied it.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 9. The Ersekcsanak summer camp was located in a forest on the Danube River, at the landing place about 10 km north-northwest of Baja. There were low wooden buildings for the orderly room, kitchen and stockrooms. The soldiers were quartered in tents. In July 1951, the summer camp was occupied only by the officers school [redacted] and some of the personnel of the engineer equipment depot in Baja.
- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. The engineer officers school in Baja is reported for the first time, whereas engineer units have been repeatedly mentioned. An engineer battalion from Baja reportedly was in Camp Kisbodak in June 1951 and an engineer training battalion from Baja in Camp Bartaly-Sziget from July to August 1951. [redacted]. Therefore it is thought that one or two engineer battalions are stationed in Baja in addition to the engineer officers school.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. According to previous reports, an AAA unit and an infantry regiment of the division in Kiskunhalas are also carried in Baja. It is believed that the artillery and armored vehicles, probably SP guns, belong to the division in Kiskunhalas.

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